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Education for Disabled Children
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are special provisions for the education of disabled children in District Primary Education Programme and also for the special training of teachers under the said programme; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a-b) The education for disabled children falls under the purview of Ministry of Human Resource Development. As per them, the District Primary Education Programme stands merged with SSA scheme which was launched in 2000-01. The Government of India is presently implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as main programme for universalising elementary education for all children for 6 -14 years of age. Under SSA, Children with Special Needs (CWSN) are provided Rs. 3000/- per child per annum provided that at least Rs. 1000/- per child will be earmarked for engaging Resource Teachers. The major interventions under SSA for the education of CWSN are assessment, provision of free aids and appliances, teacher training, engagement of resource persons, support services and barrier free access. The thrust of SSA is on providing inclusive education to the disabled along with non disabled peers in mainstream neighbourhood schools.
Under SSA through in-service teacher training on Inclusive Education, teachers are generally oriented to the concept of inclusion and different kinds of CWSN. Through this training 34.22 lakh teachers have been trained under SSA so far. Under SSA, exemplar material on inclusive teaching strategies, adapted curriculum, adapted teaching techniques and adapted evaluation strategies has been developed. This material, meant for regular teachers, covers all disabilities, including physical, sensory, cognitive and intellectual disabilities. 3.30 lakh teachers have been given training on this material under SSA. Further, under SSA teachers are trained in various disciplines such as Low vision, Braille, Signs and gestures, Needs of children with intellectual Challenges, Cerebral Palsy, Basics of learning disabilities, Needs of children with multiple disabilities, Autism and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for CWSN.

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